

**Weekly Status & Information Report:
Week of June 18 - June 22, 2007**

- 1. 10th Anniversary of Unification:** July 1, 2007 will be the tenth anniversary of the day the Montgomery/Prince George's County line was moved, placing all of the City of Takoma Park into Montgomery County. To celebrate, there will be a cake and punch reception before the Council meeting on July 2nd. If you were active in convincing the State Legislature to allow the City to unify, lived in the Prince George's County side of Takoma Park when unification occurred, or just want to celebrate this important day in Takoma Park's history, stop by at 7 pm on July 2nd. *(Community & Government Liaison)*
- 2. Spring Park Work Continues (Ward 3):** The creation of a stream channel for the spring water and the establishment of a new planting area around the fountain continues. Additionally, trees were planted around the basketball court. The work schedule for this phase will be extended into next week. *(Public Works)*
- 3. Jackson Boyd Playground Renovation (Wards 2 & 3):** The second meeting of the community and playground design firm is scheduled for Thursday, June 28, 7:30 pm at 349 Boyd Avenue. The agenda includes reviewing design concepts. *(Public Works)*
- 4. Additional Landscaping at Glenside, Lincoln Traffic Circles (Wards 2 & 6):** The Public Works Gardens Division will be placing plantings and stones in the circles to complete the landscaping of the areas. Work is to start next week and will be completed in early July. *(Public Works)*
- 5. Tenant Capacity Building Program (Citywide):** Takoma Park Community Organizers Rozanne Look and Mario Cristaldo facilitated a well attended Tenant and Tenant Association Leadership meeting on Wednesday evening June 20th. Approximately 75 tenants, many of them residents from the Maple Avenue corridor, attended and enthusiastically formed three committees that will take a pro-active approach to the following areas of concern: 1) State Legislation [Condo Conversion and Notice to Vacate laws]; 2) Management and Security Issues; and 3) Rent Stabilization Legislation. The newly formed committees will start to meet immediately. Any tenant interested in joining these groups can call Linda Walker at (301) 891-7222. *(Housing and Community Development)*
- 6. Homeowners' and Renters' Tax Credit Program (Citywide):** The deadline for filing for a tax credit is September 1, 2007. The programs are designed to help low income home owners and renters by limiting the amount that they must pay in property taxes. An application must be filed each year with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation with the supporting document. To obtain an application, you may call the State of Maryland at 1 (800) 944-7403, access the application directly on their website at <http://date.state.md.us/sdatweb/taxcredits.html> or call Linda Walker at (301) 891-7222. *(Housing and Community Development)*
- 7. Landlord Certification Class Held:** Fourteen landlords attended the monthly landlord certification class held on Thursday June 21. Landlord certification, which has to be renewed every three years, is a requirement for licensing of a rental property. The class covers topics such as the Property Maintenance Code, Takoma Park Licensing Requirements, Landlord-Tenant Law, and Rent Stabilization. The class is also open to

prospective purchasers of rental property. For further information, call Joanna Nasios at (301) 891-7119. *(Housing and Community Development)*

8. The Chief in Meetings: On June 18, Chief Ricucci and Lt. Cipperly attended a planning meeting of the Fourth of July Committee. On June 20, Chief Ricucci attended the Quarterly Maryland Chiefs meeting. On June 21, Chief Ricucci and Barbara Matthews, City Manager, met with Sue Silber to discuss issues with our Immigration ordinance. *(Police)*

9. Officers in Training: From June 18 to 20, Sgt. Bowers, Pfc. Holmes, Pvt. Robison, Sgt. Gilbert, Pvt. Smith, Pfc. Mitchell, D/Pfc. Eckford, Lt. Cipperly and Cadet Villegas attended training for Mobile Computers in Germantown, Maryland. Sgt. Frishkorn, Pfc. Atwell, Pfc. Gaskin, Pvt. Hubley, Sgt. Hammond, A/Lt. Collington, D/Pfc. Black and Cadet Magnaye attended the same training from June 20 to 22. *(Police)*

10. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 68 traffic stops this week, 50 of which resulted in written citations, two vehicle impounds and one arrest. These occurrences happened in various areas in and around Takoma Park. *(Police)*

11. Tremendous Trips: Kicking off the summer with a bang, the Recreation Department held its annual Tremendous Trips week. This week is designed to be flexible enough to accommodate the school's use of snow days, if needed. This year we were able to plan an excursion for all five days: Monday - Udvar Hazy Air and Space Museum; Tuesday - bowling and roller skating; Wednesday - Gaithersburg water park and mini golf; Thursday - Cameron Run Water Park and Friday - Discovery Theater to see a play and the National Zoo. We averaged 32 children for each trip. *(Recreation)*

12. Day Camps Begin: It is not too late to get in on the fun this summer at the Takoma Park Recreation Department summer camps. The Extreme Horizon camp is geared for those entering 6-8 grades and focuses on fun and adventure. The Creative Adventure camp is for kids entering grades 1-5 and involves arts and crafts, sports, swimming, nature activities and more. Registration forms are available at our website www.tprecreation.org. Camps run for seven weeks. *(Recreation)*

13. Grand Opening Celebration of the Crossroads Farmers Market (Ward 6): The Grand Opening of the new Crossroads Farmers Market was celebrated Wednesday, June 20 at 6:00 PM. Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett threw the inaugurating first apple to open the market. The market - located at 7676 New Hampshire Avenue - features a variety of locally grown vegetables, fruit, herbs, flowers, baked goods, freshly squeezed juices and ethnic foods. The market will be open every Wednesday through November 14 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. *(Housing and Community Development)*

14. Senior Day Celebration in Cambridge, MD: Last month, twenty-two seniors enjoyed their first ride in the new bus. They had a day of entertainment, good food, various resource information, free trolley trips around the city, flea market sales, and prizes. *(Recreation)*

15. Day Trip to Montgomery Mall: The Seniors enjoyed a free movie, lunch, blood pressure screening and shopping at the Mall. They are looking forward to this being a monthly event. *(Recreation)*

16. **Senior Buffet Day in Gaithersburg:** Several Seniors enjoyed Bingo and buffet at their favorite restaurant, the Old Country Buffet. Some also enjoyed shopping at the Mall located there. *(Recreation)*

17. **Farmer's Market:** City TV crews went to the Crossroads Farmer's Market for the Grand Opening this past Wednesday, June 20. *(City TV)*

18. **The PEG Network:** City TV staff attended the PEG Network Training offered to all staff of the Public, Education and Government access channels in Montgomery County. Topics included editing, technology and a tour of the new Mobile Production Vehicle. City TV used this MPV at the Jazz Fest and will be using it again for the Independence Day Parade. *(City TV)*